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General Syllabus

HISP 4953 Resources Interpretation Internship

Credit Hours: 3 (INT/PRAC)

Prerequisite: HISP 3503 Basic Skills in Interpretation, and consent of the instructor

Pre or Corequisite: HISP 3513 Interpretation Planning and RINT 3523 Communicating Through Exhibits

Effective Catalog: 2019-2020

I. Course Information

A. Catalog Description

Field experience at a resources interpretation site both historical and natural. Jointly supervised by a faculty member and by an individual in a position of authority at the site. Permission from both supervisors must be secured prior to registration. May be repeated for up to six hours.

B. Additional Information

This course involves independent study with close supervision from the cooperating site authority. Students, either on their own or with the help of the course instructor, will select an interpretive site or complete 120 hours of work at that site. Work should be of a significant nature that contributes to the student's education and development as a resources interpreter.

II. Student Learning Outcomes

A. Subject Matter

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Explain the various skills necessary to work at an interpretive site.
2. Perform certain functions crucial to the operation of the selected internship site.
3. Translate the skills learned at the internship site to other interpretive sites.

B. University Learning Outcomes

This course will enhance student abilities in the following areas:

Analytical Skills**Critical Thinking**

Students will synthesize material from various sources to complete projects.

Communication Skills

Students will communicate effectively with both the public as well as other site employees.

Global and Cultural Perspectives

Students will create presentations that embrace multicultural aspects of historical events. Students will also learn techniques for conducting effective presentations for diverse audiences.

III. Major Course Topics

Since this is a participatory internship, topics will vary based on the nature of the internship.

